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SUBJECT: FAZ QUESTIONS FRG'S DOMESTIC NUCLEAR
POLICY

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1. LEAD EDITORIAL BY FRITZ ULLRICH FACK IN THE
MAY 16 EDITION OF THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE
(CENTER-RIGHT) EXPRESSES STRONG RESERVATIONS
ABOUT THE FRG'S DOMESTIC NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY.
FACK WRITES THAT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH
NUCLEAR POWER ARE QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT FROM
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ALL OTHER ENERGY SOURCES, AND THAT A
DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE SHARE OF THE REQUIRED
TECHNOLOGIES FOR NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT
REST ON THE "PRINCIPLE OF HOPE", I.E. IT IS
PRESUMED THAT THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES WILL BE
PERFECTED WHEN NEEDED.

2. ALTHOUGH FACK BELIEVES WASTE MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS WILL EVENTUALLY BE SOLVED, HE SEES YET ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL DANGER FOR A COUNTRY SATURATED WITH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. THE POPULATION WOULD BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY UNPREPARED TO DEFEND ITSELF IF WAR AND AN ATTACK DIRECTED AGAINST NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS BECAME A POSSIBILITY. "HOW VULNERABLE TO BLACKMAIL", HE ASKS, "WOULD OUR COUNTRY BE IN SUCH A SITUATION, EVEN IF WAR NEVER ACTUALLY BECAME IMMINENT"?

3. COMMENT: FAZ'S ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE WIDESPREAD USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN THE FRG ARE NOT NEW, BUT THEIR USE BY SUCH A RESPECTED CONSERVATIVE JOURNAL DOES CONSTITUTE YET ANOTHER BLOW TO THE GOVERNING COALITION'S POSITION ON THE VITAL NUCLEAR ISSUE.

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